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SUBJ: DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL QUOTED ON POSSIBLE CYPRUS SOLUTION

1. LOCAL GREEK LANGUAGE PRESS JULY 24 FEATURED REPORT THAT CYPRUS DESK OFFICER JAMES MORTON HAD "WRITTEN" IN CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY THAT HE FORESEES A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH MOST PROBABLY WILL INVOLVE THE CREATION OF TWO RELATIVELY AUTONOMOUS REGIONS CONNECTED BY A WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. ALL PAPERS SEE THIS STATEMENT AS FIRST PUBLIC EVIDENCE THAT US SUPPORTS ANKARA'S VIEWS ON CYPRUS. TONE OF STORIES IS CRITICAL BUT NOT INFLAMMATORY

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2. PAPERS SAY THAT STATE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT CLARIFIED ITS POSITION ON REPORT. SOME REPORT THAT ACCORDING TO A DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, "MR. MORTON DOES NOT RECALL MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT." WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THIS STORY WILL DEVELOP INTO A SERIOUS ISSUE HERE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES.
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